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TAGS: SENV, FR, XG, XT

SUBJECT: AMOCO CADIZ OIL SPILL

REF: (A) BILL SALMON/JAMES BROWN TELCON MARCH 22  
(B) 10 FAM 521.8

1. DEPARTMENT AND AID OFFICE OF FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE  
(OFDA) HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY GENE CETRONE, REPRESENTING  
A PRIVATE GROUP NAMED THE SCIENTIFIC EDUCATIONAL AND RE-  
SEARCH COMMITTEE ON HARMONICS (SEARCH) WITH RESPECT TO  
-MOUNTING A VOLUNTEER EFFORT AIMED AT (1) CLEANUP AND  
RESCUE OF ENDANGERED BIRDS AND WILDLIFE AND (2) ENVIRONMEN-  
TAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF OIL SPILL.

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2. TEAM WOULD CONSIST, IN ADDITION TO CETRONE, OF:

DR. WARD STONE, PATHOLOGIST  
PATRICIA RIEXINGER  
HOLLY B. MICHEAL  
JOHN W. OZARD  
STANLEY BUTKAS

RAY CETRONE, PHOTOGRAPHER  
VICTOR SCHWARZ, VETERINARIAN  
BERNARD CHARNEY, UNIV. OF N.H. MARINE BIOLOGIST

FIRST FIVE NAMES ABOVE ARE EMPLOYEES OF STATE OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, ON LEAVE.

3. SEARCH HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT/AID ASSISTANCE IN  
OBTAINING C.A.B. WAIVER OF IATA REGULATIONS TO PERMIT  
NO-COST TRANSPORTATION IF REPEAT IF OFFERED BY PAN AM OR  
TWA (WHO HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY SEARCH). WAIVER WOULD  
REQUIRE A FINDING THAT WAIVER WOULD BE OF PARAMOUNT NATION-  
AL INTEREST.

4. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT BILL SALMON GENERALLY  
FAMILIAR WITH SEARCH AND ITS WISHES TO VISIT BREST.  
CETRONE ADVISES HE IS IN CONTACT WITH BREST AND THAT PROS-  
PECT OF SEARCH ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN FAVORABLY RECEIVED BY  
HARVEY FERGUSON, KEN BIGLANE (EPA REP. ON SCENE) AND QTE  
GOF ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIALS UNQTE; AND THAT THEY SHOULD  
LEAVE FOR BREST BY FRIDAY EVENING TO BE OF MAXIMUM  
ASSISTANCE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM  
TO ITS SATISFACTION CETRONE'S REPORTS OF RECEPTIVENESS IN  
BREST BY USG AND GOF AUTHORITIES, PARTICULARLY AS TO  
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WHETHER A C.A.B. WAIVER WOULD BE OF PARAMOUNT NATIONAL  
INTEREST. FYI: QUESTION OF C.A.B. WAIVER INJECTS AN  
ELEMENT OF USG INVOLVEMENT INTO WHAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE  
A MATTER BETWEEN A PRIVATE VOLUNTEER EFFORT AND GOF  
AUTHORITIES. TELCON WITH BILL SALMON AND CONTACTS WITH  
WASHINGTON EPA GIVE SOME REASON TO SUSPECT THAT THE RE-  
CEPTIVENESS ON THE PART OF THE USG REPS IN BREST MAY BE  
SOMEWHAT OVERSTATED, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE CRISIS  
SITUATION AND LACK OF FACILITIES IN BREST, ALTHOUGH  
INTENTIONS OF GROUP APPEAR TO BE BONAFIDE. VANCE

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